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A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE 931 LIVES LOST ON KENTUCKY HIGHWAYS LAST YEAR

2003 was the deadliest year on our roadways in more than 25 years, with 931 killed in crashes. Memorial services were held around the state to honor those individuals. The services are held near Memorial Day to remember those loved ones and to encourage safe driving as the summer travel season begins.

Governor Ernie Fletcher spoke at the ceremony in Frankfort and said people are our greatest resource and he hoped that the fatality number would be lower this year. So far in 2004, we have had 27 fewer fatalities than at this time last year. The Governor reported that Kentucky had one of the lowest seatbelt usage rates in the nation and stressed the importance of taking the extra seconds to buckle up. He especially expressed regret at the large number of teenagers (142) who died on the roadways last year.

Family members of two of the victims also spoke at the ceremony. Linda Leach, of Frankfort, said, "I just keep thinking that children shouldn't die before their parents." However, that is exactly what happened to her in January of last year.

Her 22-year old son, Nathan, was returning from work and was killed in a one-car crash. His mother said while all the circumstances of the crash will never be known, what she does know is that all the dreams she had for him have now ended. All the rites of passage that she looked forward to experiencing with him will never happen. She encouraged all those in attendance to "treasure the moments you have with those you have." Ms. Leach agreed to speak at the ceremony because Nathan mattered and she wanted to keep his memory alive.



Linda Leach gives a very emotional testimony to the crowd.

Jennifer Wilson, also of Frankfort, lost her husband just before Christmas. Charlie spent his final day with his two preschool girls, while Jennifer shopped. When she returned home, he went out with some friends. She began to worry when he didn't return home at the time she thought he would. Finally that dreaded phone call came that changed her life forever.

Wilson, 48, was the owner of Wilson Nurseries and had planted trees literally all over town. Jennifer said as she travels Franklin County, one of her daughters will often comment that "Daddy planted that tree." Ms. Wilson said it is comforting to see the footprints he left in his beloved community.

KYTC Secretary Clay Bailey said that

each morning he comes to work and reviews the traffic fatalities that have occurred the night before. "Almost everyday someone has died." Bailey said that sharing the stories of the individuals—like Ms. Leach and Ms. Wilson did—make the statistic personal. Acknowledging that each victim was the most important person in the world to someone, the Secretary pledged to keep safety a high priority in the Cabinet.

Kentucky was the first state to erect permanent memorials to citizens who died on our roadways. The monuments are located at all eight welcome centers, the rest area at Slade and in front of the Transportation headquarters in Frankfort.



Jennifer Wilson consoles Linda Leach during the ceremony.

MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY BAILEY

Natalie: *Why oh why, Rick are you not wearing your seatbelt?*

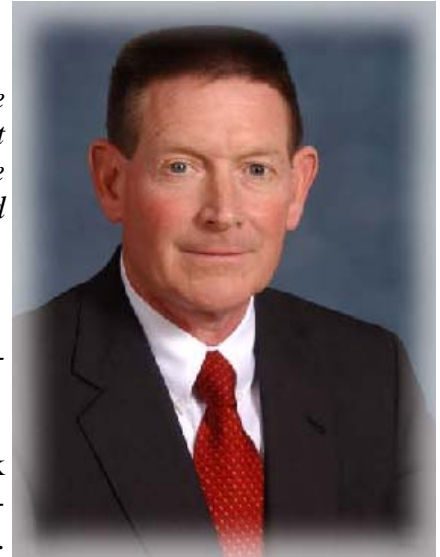
Rick: *So what, Natalie? I can't get pulled over for it, right?*

Natalie: *Right, but if you get pulled over for anything else - like speeding, which you're doing right now - you'll get an extra ticket for not wearing your seatbelt...Not to mention, oh, I don't know, the fact that if we get into an accident, you could be seriously injured or worse!*

Rick: *Ooooooohhh...Yeah. I forgot about all that stuff...*

Natalie: *You forget about a lot of stuff... Would ya just buckle up?*

Announcer: *Working to keep you safe... A message from your Kentucky Transportation Cabinet...Drive Smart.*



What you just read was some dialogue between two characters Rick and Natalie from KYTC's Daily Radio Show, a public service announcement with a comical spin that runs on radio stations throughout the state. Every week for the past year, Rick and Natalie have been communicating safe driving to Kentucky motorists. This is just one of the many ways the Cabinet promotes **highway safety**.

In an effort to reduce highway collisions and related fatalities and injuries, the Cabinet has developed highway safety teams to identify the problems and come up with solutions to make roads throughout the state safer for motorists. A recent success story shows this concept is working. Statistics from 2003 showed that Harrison County had the highest collision rate in the state (342 collisions per 100 million vehicle miles traveled), so KYTC decided something had to be done. A highway safety team was developed in Harrison County to study four state-maintained roads in that area, US 27, US 62, KY 32, and KY 36. After researching the problems, the team came up with solutions that significantly reduced traffic accidents by 12 percent and related injuries by 74 percent. Another highway safety team has started in Simpson County. Hopefully, they will have the same success as Harrison County.

On May 8, there was a positive article in the Bowling Green Daily News commending the Cabinet for its quick response in repairing a portion of I-65 where a number of crashes had occurred. In late April, due to a large amount of rainfall, a small section of I-65 collected a lot of standing water. A motorist hit the small pond of water and wrecked. Five more accidents occurred within a 3-day span, which saw significant amounts of rainfall. This was reported to Cabinet officials and that section was immediately repaved allowing for better water runoff. Thank you District Three for your speedy efforts and making the roads safer for motorists.

Although KYTC is implementing these great highway safety teams, running highway safety ads on the radio, quickly fixing hazardous roads and much more, unfortunately we must remember that highway deaths are still on the rise. In Kentucky, the death toll for 2003 is 931 up 14 fatalities from 2002. As a nation, the new goal in highway safety is to cut the fatality rate by a third to 1.0 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled and to do it within five years. As a Cabinet, we must stand behind this goal and make every effort to drive these numbers down for 2004 and beyond.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BUCKLE UP!

Clay Bailey

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR FLETCHER



Nearly six months following inauguration, it is important to reflect on the changes that are making Kentucky a better place to live, work, and raise a family. I was elected governor with a mandate to change the culture of state government, create jobs and economic prosperity, and restore hope to this great Commonwealth. We are making excellent progress on those goals by first working to clean up the mess created by 32 years of ineffective leadership. While we would like to accomplish this quickly, the fact is that real change takes time if it is to be lasting.

Our first task was to streamline state government. I condensed fourteen state cabinets to eight, saving about \$500,000 in cabinet secretary salaries, and appointed the most qualified group of cabinet secretaries ever assembled in Kentucky.

Less than one month after inauguration, our administration solved the \$302 million fiscal year 2004 budget deficit by bringing spending under control and instituting efficiencies in every cabinet. I presented a tight, balanced, responsible budget; and a tax modernization plan that would create 7,000 new jobs, remove 330,000 low-income Kentuckians from the tax rolls and lower taxes for 98% of Kentuckians. My plan overhauls Kentucky's antiquated, loophole-ridden corporate tax system making Kentucky more attractive for businesses and jobs.

Unfortunately, the Democratic leaders of the Kentucky House of Representatives chose not to work in a bipartisan, bicameral way, and neither a responsible state budget nor the JOBS for Kentucky tax plan received a vote. House Democrat leadership failed every Kentuckian by leaving Frankfort without performing their constitutional mandate to pass a state budget.

We are working hard to root out waste, fraud, abuse and inefficiency. I abolished the former Kentucky Racing Commission, which was plagued with questionable business practices, and formed the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority. The Authority has a new mission to regulate racing, promote our signature industry and grow our economy.

Gone are the days when state employees could use a Procurement card or "credit card" for purchases—without accountability. More than 1,300 cards have been revoked and spending limits on remaining cards have been reduced by \$16 million. A full investigation of this program is now underway.

Prior to this administration, there was little or no management over the 535 vehicles owned and 68 vehicles leased by the Parks Department. We discovered 71 completely inoperable vehicles, some without engines or doors, yet the state was still wasting taxpayer dollars to insure them – those insurance policies have been cancelled. We are moving aggressively to streamline fleet management and ensure that the remaining state-owned vehicles are needed and used efficiently.

Our administration announced a criminal investigation into the alleged embezzlement of tens of thousands of dollars in state funds by a former employee of the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. An investigation is underway after the discovery of nearly \$500,000 in uncashed checks and credit card orders stashed away in the desk of an employee in the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. Across state government, we've limited access to the Internet to help prevent time from being wasted on pornography and other inappropriate activity on computers. We are insisting on workplace standards like dressing neatly and appropriately, tucking in shirttails and keeping hair trimmed so that employees are a positive reflection of Kentucky.

Efficiency and effectiveness were not hallmarks of state government during the past 32 years, but through the newly-created Governor's Office of Efficiency, significant cost savings and new policies; they will be the standard. We will continue to work to ensure taxpayer dollars are not squandered.

We are leading the nation in our effort to create a unified approach to branding. Historically, hundreds of logos were used to identify our state with no coordination of the message sent to prospective businesses, potential tourists, or families considering relocation. Now Kentucky will have a "one vision, one message, one brand" collaborative approach to strengthen and grow tourism and economic development and save over \$2.5 million.

Although much has been done, much work remains. Our administration is working diligently to make Kentucky the kind of place where dreams come true, where opportunity is available and where economic prosperity is abundant. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Governor.

IN MEMORY...DIANE HARRIS

Many of you may have heard that a central office employee died here in the building in late April. Her name was Diane Harris and she worked in the hearings section of the drivers licensing division on the 2nd floor.

As with any major emergency, many employees are called upon to assist. In this tragic case, employee safety and health, our nurse, administrative services, building security and a host of employees from several areas truly worked as a team to help in the situation.

The day after Ms. Harris died from a massive heart attack, employees from the Kentucky Employee Assistance Program were in the building to provide grief counseling to any employees wishing to attend.

Employees in the Department of Vehicle Regulation made a monetary donation to the family and deliv-

ered food trays. Drivers licensing director, Gary Brunker said, "seeing the care and concern in action by KYTC employees was truly amazing."

Ms. Harris had recently joined the staff in the Transportation Cabinet, after working in the Governor's office and at the Department of Local Government. Brunker said her "infectious smile endeared her to many."

Ongoing safety training is provided throughout the cabinet for employees to have the knowledge necessary in a crisis situation such as this. For more information, call the Division of Employee Safety and Health at (502) 564-6963.

A big "thank you" to all the employees who assisted in this situation and our deepest sympathies to her family.



Kentucky Roads Get New Names

During the recent legislative session, several roads throughout Kentucky were named and signed into law by the Governor in April. These roads were named in honor of special people who have done great things for our state and our nation.

In District 2... Daviess County—Name a section of KY 54 the “PFC David Paulie Nash Memorial Highway” (see story below)

Hopkins County—Name a section of KY 112 the “Dr. Loman C. Trover Highway”

Muhlenburg County—Name a section of KY 70 the “Tom Christerson

Memorial Highway”

In District 4... Hardin County—Name a section of KY 1357 the “Sheriff Bobby Thomas Memorial Highway”

In District 7... Madison County—Name a section of US 421 the “Battlefield Memorial Highway”

In District 11... Clay and Jackson Counties—Name a section of US 421 the “Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway”

In District 12... Pike County—Name a section of US 460/KY 80 the “Brandon Jacob Rowe and Gary Brent Coleman Memorial Highway”

Over the next few months, dedication ceremonies will be held and road signage will be placed to officially name these highways.

PFC. DAVID “PAULIE” NASH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

David “Paulie Nash”, a Vietnam veteran from Whitesville, was honored in a big way earlier this month in his hometown. A section of Kentucky 54 that passes through his native Daviess County was named for him.

Nash threw himself on a hand grenade in South Vietnam in 1968 to save his friends. Those young men, who got to live because of his brave action, have never forgotten him. In fact, five of the men who served with him traveled to Kentucky to visit with his family and attend the ceremony.

The Transportation Cabinet’s Deputy Secretary Dick Murgatroyd spoke at the dedication and praised the brave and kind actions of this young man. New road signs were unveiled on the stretch of road that 5,000-7,000 people travel each day. The signs will serve as a reminder of Nash’s heroic actions.

“Paulie,” who was 20 at the time of his death, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously, for his bravery.

The effort to get the road named for the Whitesville native was led by Larry Rhodes. Then a resolution was sponsored by State Representative Tommy Thompson, of Philpot, to rename the road and it passed in the 2004 legislative session.

The request for naming roads or bridges can either be routed through the General Assembly or the Cabinet’s Division of Traffic Operations. When approved, signs are usually made by the Cabinet’s sign shop in Frankfort and installed by district traffic crews.

Historical markers and signs on our roadways help to preserve our history and culture and also to educate others to people, places and events that are worthy of our honor.

At Memorial Day, we pause to reflect on the sacrifices of people who have made the freedoms we enjoy possible....David “Paulie” Nash was one of those.

Lane Departure Highway Safety Team Formed

Kentucky is in the process of implementing an Integrated Highway Safety Management System (SMS). As a part of this SMS, emphasis area task teams are being formed to address specific issues for reducing fatalities and injuries on our highways. In Kentucky, 57% of fatalities are a result of lane departure. This includes running off the road, head on, sideswipe and fixed object collisions.

Kentucky was chosen to be a part of the AASHTO "lead state" effort in Lane Departure and Duane Thomas, Branch Manager of Traffic Engineering in the Division of Traffic Operations, was

selected to head the team. Mr. Thomas and Boyd Sigler, Highway Safety Operations Manager for the SMS, recently attended a peer-to-peer exchange in Washington, D. C. to identify additional methods and strategies for reducing these types of collisions.

Secretary Clay Bailey, pictured with the group, provided a charge at the initial team meeting as to the critical importance of reducing these types of collisions.

The lane departure team is a multi-disciplinary group of engineering, enforcement, and education personnel dedicated to reducing fatalities and injuries and increasing overall highway safety.



Team members include: (Pictured from left to right) Ron Jones, Chief Deputy Oldham County Sheriff's Dept, Boyd Sigler, KYTC Highway Safety Operations Manager, Mark Adams, Louisville Metro, Engineer, Sherri Chappell, Highway Safety Liaison, Cumberland Valley ADD, Chuck Knowles, KYTC Director of Traffic Operations, Jeff Bibb, KYTC Director of Driver Safety, Duane Thomas, KYTC Branch Manager Division of Traffic Operations, Tom Napier, KYTC Engineer Specialist Division of Traffic Operations, Donald Smith, KYTC District 7 Traffic Engineer, Secretary Clay Bailey, Wheeler Nevels, KYTC Engineer Specialist Division of Maintenance, Tony Young, FHWA Transportation Safety Specialist, Casey Grady, Highway Safety Liaison, Northern Ky. ADD, Terry Chism, FHWA Safety Engineer, Captain John Thorpe, Kentucky State Police (gentleman pictured was sitting in for Thorpe)

KYTC's Innovative One-Stop Shop

One of the exciting aspects of the new Transportation Cabinet office building is the new and improved One-Stop Shop located on the second floor. The One-Stop Shop is equipped with some of the latest equipment in technology and staff from three divisions: Driver Licensing, Motor Carriers and Motor Vehicle Licensing. Now the general public can do most all vehicle-related business transactions at this one location. This is the first time that all of these services have been located in one convenient area. The following services are available at the One-Stop Shop:

Division of Driver Licensing:

- Obtain a driving record
- Enroll in the State Traffic School
- Pay reinstatement fees
- Attend a point system hearing
- Process non-U.S. citizen applications
- Provide information about a driving record
- Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Motor Carriers:

- Issuance of Kentucky Highway Use License (KYU) number
- Issuance of Kentucky Intrastate Tax (KIT) decal
- Issuance of International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) decal
- Process single state registration for interstate carriers
- Process KIT, IFTA and KYU taxes
- Issuance of apportion license plates
- Issuance of intrastate authority for all-for-hire carriers
- Issuance of the Kentucky regulated authority – required for carriers of passengers and/or household goods
- Issuance of federal DOT number
- Issuance of trip permits
- Processing of U-Drive-IT tax data
- Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Motor Vehicle Licensing:

- Speed title pick-up only. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Rebuilt: Courier/Runner, no more than 10 titles. Drop-off hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Pick-up only hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Individual or dealer with one title in their name. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The new One-Stop Shop provides a comfortable and convenient location for customers to conduct their business with the Transportation Cabinet. The shop also has a receptionist located in the waiting area to greet and assist customers when they arrive. Other helpful employees (pictured on the right) are available to serve KYTC's customers.



Lobby of the one-stop shop



Arlene Chenault



Jennifer Parrish



Janet Ratliff



Sherman Bowman



Wes Young



Louise Smith



AVIS Group



Lisa Barnett



Mashay Robinson



KYTC Participants include: Kevin Dant - D.5 - Environmental Coordinator, Brent Sweger - Multimodal Programs, James Ballinger - D.7 - Preconstruction Branch Mgr., Jeff Allen - D.10 - Environmental Coordinator, Todd Shipp - General Counsel, Ron Easter - D.10 - Public Information, Cathie Beckley - Policy & Budget, Laycock Sharon - D.6 - Environmental Coordinator, Andrea Clifford - D.5 - Public Information, Sandy Rudder - D.11 - Public Information, Becky Judson - D.4 - Public Information, Cathi Blair - D.8 - Environmental Coordinator, Keirsten Jagers - D.3 - Public Information, Nancy Wood - D.6 - Public Information, Karen Mynhier - D.9 - Environmental Coordinator, Renee Slaughter - D.3 - Environmental Coordinator

THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

To the maintenance staff at the Montgomery County Rest Area--

A letter was received from a Louisville resident regarding assistance she and her sister received at this rest area near Mt. Sterling. After a brief stop at the rest area, this motorist's car wouldn't start. Two employees, Richard C. Barnes, Jr. and Ernest J. Sorrell, tried to help and then a call was made to AAA. During the four hour wait for a tow truck, the employees waited with the women. The letter writer said, "Richard and Ernest made our terrible situation better by just being friendly and watching over us until the tow truck arrived."

Several KYTC employees were chosen to participate in a professional development program called the Community Transportation Innovation Academy, a cooperative venture of the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Participants included KYTC employees and people from the private sector. From September 2003 through May 2004, the class met once a month. Over the course, the group heard from several speakers on such issues as demographics, public involvement, planning and basically every aspect involved in producing successful projects within the Transportation Cabinet. Participants were required to write a paper regarding ways to improve transportation and asked to give a summary of their papers. Deputy Dick Murgatroyd and Kentucky Division Administrator for FHWA Jose Sepulveda were on hand to listen, make comments and answer questions. They also presented the certificates to those who completed the program.

In March, the Cabinet won an Engineering Excellence Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for the 2002 Kentucky Statewide Rail Plan. The Plan was prepared by Wilbur Smith Associates under contract



Governor Fletcher presents awards for Statewide Rail Plan to Brad Johnson of Wilbur Smith Associates, left, and Ron Schneider of Division of Multimodal Programs, center.

with the Division of Multimodal Programs. Governor Fletcher presented the award to Brad Johnson of Wilbur Smith and Ron Schneider of Multimodal Programs.

Development of the rail plan was guided by the Cabinet's Strategic Plan and its goals to support rail transportation in Kentucky. It also provides a vehicle to identify future rail issues to meet Federal Railroad Administration requirements for federal funding as such funding becomes available. In addition, it serves as a valuable source of statistical information regarding rail transportation in Kentucky. The plan should serve as a means of heightening awareness of the importance of rail transportation throughout the Commonwealth. The plan can be viewed at <http://transportation.ky.gov/multimodal/railsystems.htm>.

TRANSPORTATION CABINET

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS

Month of May 2004

Marion R. Glenn
Fiscal Management/
Accounts
Grad Acct IV
11 Yrs 8 Months

Danny T. Barnett
Highways/District 2
Timekeeper
24 Yrs 10

Romona G. Cheatham
Vehicle Regulation/
Driver Licensing
Trn Hea of I
25 Yrs 2 Months

Lonnie R. Holbrook
Highways/District 9
Hwy Eq Op III
24 Yrs 9 Months

Ronnie J. Warren
Highways/District 3
Hwy Eq Op I
18 Yrs 5 Months

John W. Bowman
Highways/District 7
Hwy Super I
26 Yrs 1 Month

Mary F. Roberts
Vehicle Regulation/
Motor Vehicle Licensing
Adm Asst
9 Yrs 8 Months

Carl E. Jones
Highways/District 3
Tr Eng Te I
20 Yrs

Patricia M. Courtney
Highways/District 1
Mnt Worker II
10 Yrs 4 Months

James D. Prewitt
Vehicle Regulation/
Vehicle Enforcement
MVE Officer I
14 Yrs 9 Months



Summer Scrub is June 20th -26th

Every summer, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers from across the state show a unified support for a cleaner Kentucky. Group members volunteer to pick up litter and debris on their adopted roadway, making it theirs!

Clean Storm Water is Everyone's Business

Brought to you by the Division of Environmental Analysis



KYTC cares about Kentucky and is always working to find new ways to help protect our environment. The Cabinet's latest program focuses on protecting our streams and rivers from pollution and litter washed off roadways and highways by storm water runoff.

When it rains, the storm water runs off roofs, driveways, yards and roads. Pipes and ditches carry this water away. These pipes and ditches lead into local streams, rivers, and lakes. Unlike sewage, storm runoff is not treated. As it flows, pollution such as oil, dirt, deicing chemicals, excess lawn fertilizers and trash are carried into our waterways.

The storm water drainage goes to waterways that are inhabited by fish, frogs, and other aquatic plants and animals. As those storm water resources degrade it lowers the quality of life in our communities. This happens through increased drinking water treatment costs and unsightly loss of natural resources.

The Cabinet is serious about storm water protection and has established policies and procedures in an effort to minimize its impacts to the environment. KYTC has programs and policies that:

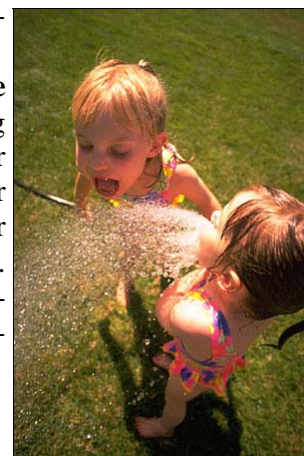
- Address environmental impacts from construction.

- Optimize the amount of deicing chemicals used on roadways.
- Require environmental protection plans be implemented at their vehicle maintenance facilities.
- Consider environmental factors during the highway design.
- Partner with local communities for the benefit of the Commonwealth's storm water resources.

Since clean storm water is everybody's business it is important that we all take personal responsibility to do our part. This can be small things that we do with our vehicles, in the yard, and around the home. We all need to continually look for new and innovative ways to do things just a little bit differently so that we can help the Commonwealth's storm water resources.

Here are five steps you can take to keep Kentucky's water clean:

- 1) **Put litter in its place.** Storm water drainage carries litter from the roadsides into our streams, lakes and rivers. Help keep Kentucky beautiful by stopping litter.
- 2) **Recycle used motor oil.** Remember to always recycle used motor oil and never dump anything into storm drains or ditches—they drain into our streams.
- 3) **Check your car for leaks and fix them.** Drips from cars can pollute our streams and drinking water. Routinely maintaining your vehicle can extend its usefulness and benefit our environment.
- 4) **Use your car less.** Consider ways to use your car less, such as ridesharing, running your errands all at once, or taking a bus. Fewer cars on the roads mean less air and water pollution.
- 5) **Wash your car on the lawn.** Rather than washing your car on pavement, your lawn helps absorb the water and keeps the dirty water from entering our streams. Or even better, use a commercial car wash—they recycle the wash water.



Comic Corner

A little humor about resourcefulness—

Timmy had only a quarter in his pocket when he approached the farmer and pointed to a tomato hanging lusciously from a vine.

“Give you a quarter for it,” the boy offered.

“That kind brings fifty cents,” the farmer told him.

“This one?” Timmy asked, pointing to a smaller, greener and less tempting specimen. The farmer nodded in agreement.

“Okay,” said Timmy, and sealed the deal by placing his two pennies in the farmer's hand. “I’ll pick it up in about a week.”

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

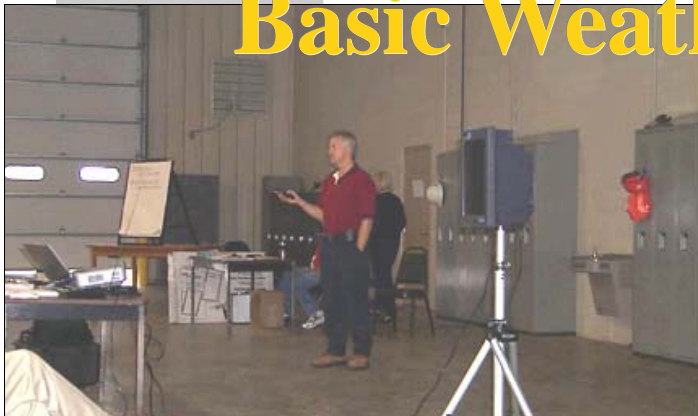
The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer someone else up.

—Mark Twain



News From District Two

Basic Weather Spotting



Right: Rick Shanklin of the National Weather Service in Paducah, talks to District 2 employees about bad weather

District 2 recently held Basic Weather Spotter Classes for all employees. The classes were taught by Rick Shanklin, National Weather Service, Paducah and Ron Fields, National Weather Service, Evansville, IN. The classes were set up by Donna Branson, District 2 Safety Specialist, and covered basic tips to recognize potentially bad weather. Three classes were held and all employees were encouraged to attend.



‘Tis The Season...

Since the season for potentially bad weather is upon us, District 2 took an opportunity to hold a tornado drill following Basic Weather Spotter Class. It gave safety personnel the chance to evaluate the existing emergency plan.



District 2 employees make their way into the conference room during a tornado drill



Donna Branson, District 2 Safety Specialist, speaks to employees about the completed tornado drill.



News From District Three

BUTLER COUNTY ROAD CREW RECOGNIZED BY LOCAL CHAMBER

Steve Meeks and the KYTC Butler County Road were recognized and shown appreciation by the Morgantown Butler County Chamber of Commerce at their monthly meeting held on April 22. Judge Executive Hugh Evans echoed those sentiments saying that much had been done in the way of improving the safety and aesthetics of the roads in Butler County. One project adjacent to the US 231 interchange with the Natcher Parkway involved the removal of vegetation that not only improved the look of the interchange but also opened up the view from the high school. The work was performed between January 12 and April 1 of this year. Primarily the county maintenance crew did the work with some help from the county inmates. The second project involved the cutting back of the rock cut slopes on KY 403 between M.P. 7 and M.P. 8 approximately 8' from the edge of pavement. The reason for the project was because the existing roadway is in a curve and on a downhill grade with cut slopes that were about 3' from the edge of pavement. This created



*Judge Executive Hugh Evans and KYTC
Butler County Road Supervisor Steve Meeks*

very limited horizontal sight distance and also restricted the amount of sunlight on that particular section of road causing icing problems in the winter. Cutting back the cut slopes will help both situations. "The Transportation Cabinet is and will continue to work for Butler County," Meeks said. "Thank you for all your support," he added.

FRANKLIN-SIMPSON HIGH SCHOOL TAKES FIRST PLACE IN KYTC PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CONTEST

District 3 held its second annual Public Service Announcement Contest with Franklin-Simpson High School taking first place. "The project was beneficial to all of the students, as the topic was seatbelt safety. Students took the opportunity to research seatbelt statistics and were amazed at the results. Our students enjoy the competition and look forward to next year," said Brigitte Garrison, technology coordinator and video production teacher at Franklin-Simpson High School. Franklin-Simpson's video featured a young man, Clint Walters, who was in an automobile crash and was not wearing a safety belt. His accident occurred in March along Gold City Road in Simpson County. Clint, who was seventeen at the time of the crash, was not killed but received severe injuries including the loss of sight in one eye. Clint's sister, Kayla Fugate and Will Pedigo, produced this video. Hart County also participated in the event, but the use of a per-

sonal message gave Franklin-Simpson the edge over Hart County's video. Four schools had originally planned to participate, but illness at Logan County and the death of a senior in Barren County (who was not wearing a safety belt) resulted in those two schools dropping out of this year's contest.



Brigitte Garrison, Will Pedigo and Kayla Fugate

Thirteen sponsors donated \$650 dollars in gift certificates from Best Buy. Both students will receive a \$50 gift certificate with the remaining certificates to be given to their teacher, Brigitte Garrison for the purchase of additional media equipment and/or materials. **Special Thanks to our sponsors for supporting this competition: Houchens, Martin Oldsmobile, BBQ Inn, Jim Johnson, State Farm Ins., Hughes and Coleman, Commonwealth Health Corp., Greenview Hospital, Thompson's Food Service, Blake, Hart, Taylor and Wiseman, Weyerhaeuser, Peridot Pictures and Studles Tax Service.**



News From District Four

SERIES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR LOCATION OF HEARTLAND PARKWAY

Written and oral statements were accepted at recent public meetings held in Marion, Taylor, Washington, Green and Adair counties for the proposed location of the Heartland Parkway. The project is a 60-mile parkway that would consist of a four-lane route connecting Adair, Taylor, Marion and Washington counties by connecting the Louie B. Nunn Parkway at Columbia with the Martha Layne Collins Bluegrass Parkway in Springfield. Approximately 200 people attended these meetings along with WMB Consultants, transportation employees, local and state officials.



Patty Dunaway, KYTC planning engineer, discusses the project with WMB Consultant Dan Byer.



Gary Valentine, KYTC design engineer (center) observed the Power-Point presentation that was presented at the meeting.

Welcome Cody Ditto!

Cody recently joined the Nelson County construction crew as an EIT. He graduated in May 2004 from the University of Louisville with a degree in Civil Engineering. Cody grew up in Hardin County and currently resides in Nelson County.



MARCH OF DIMES RESULTS

The grand total for District Four's March of Dimes Campaign exceeded last year's goal by \$1,283.51. Mary Lynn Warren and Regina Tinsley, 2004 Co-chairs, raised \$2,483.51 through employee donations, WalkAmerica sponsors, collection of old cell phones and drawings for merchandise donated by local businesses. First place winners Hardin County Maintenance Crew won the free breakfast that was given to the crew with the

largest percentage of donations. They raised \$835.00 and had the most participants in the WalkAmerica 2004. District Four was the 10th top donating team for WalkAmerica 2004. Second place winners were Garage 10 who won the country ham. Thank you District Four employees for your generosity and congratulations to the co-chairs for exceeding their goal. Your hard work and dedication to the March of Dimes is much appreciated!

NORTH WASHINGTON CAREER DAY

North Washington Elementary School in Willisburg held their Career Day recently. Left to right: Crystal Pickerell, Lynn Snider and Rex Curtsinger rotated through the class rooms explaining their jobs with the



Department of Highways. Regina Cheatham, (not pictured) Timekeeper in Washington County, organized the Career Day for approximately 450 students. Below Steve Hall, Maintenance Engineer, discussed engineering opportunities that students have through the KEEN Program.



Community Transportation Innovation Academy

Jose Sepulveda, Division Administrator, FHWA and Deputy Secretary Richard Murgatroyd were on hand at Spindletop Hall in Lexington recently to congratulate and distribute certificates to those who graduated from the nine-month Community Transportation Innovation Academy sponsored by the University of Kentucky and the Transportation Cabinet. Left to right, Jose Sepulveda, District 4's own Becky Judson and Richard Murgatroyd.



BRING YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY



Katie Allen, Nelson County Timekeeper, and daughter Josetta Allen, spent time in the office going over files on bring your child to work day. Guy Fulkerson, Nelson County Superintendent, also brought his son, Guy, Jr., along to show him work being performed on the R. J. Corman Railroad in Bardstown.





News From District Six

DISTRICT 6 WILL MISS YOU



Mike Emark, is retiring June 1, 2004. He has been a dedicated employee with the Cabinet for 38 years. Mike started working in 1966 when the District Office was located in Covington next to the John Roebling Suspension Bridge. His first seventeen years were with the Design Department, which included nineteen months doing a Tour of Duty with the United States Army. Mike spent twenty years as an Engineer Supervisor for the District 6 Operations Department. He also spent a brief time as Branch Manager for Planning. Mike was dedicated to several extra activities around the District Office. He was President of the Coke Fund and planned

many of the District Office dinners and retirement parties. Many of his weekends he spent volunteering for the Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky. Bill Reis, a co-worker with Mike for nineteen years, said, "He will truly be missed." District 6 wishes you well on your retirement.



KEEN

District 6 Transportation Engineers Rob Hans and Matt Arlinghaus traveled to Sharp Middle School in Pendleton County for their Career Day. Both Rob and Matt participate in the KEEN program. KEEN

stands for Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network. Both Rob and Matt spoke to several classes of 6th, 7th and 8th graders about the scholarship program, how math and science are core classes in the engineering field and how engineering affects our everyday lives. Pictured is Matt Arlinghaus fielding some questions from students at Sharp Middle School.



Carol Etler, District 6 employee, has been taking night classes off and on since 1986. On May 15th all her persistence paid off as she graduated from Northern Kentucky University. She received a BS Degree in Organizational Systems Technology with a concentration in Social Work. Way to go Carol!

District 6 Employees Graduate from CTI Academy



District 6's Sharon Laycock, Environmental Coordinator, and Nancy Wood, Public Information Officer, were two of the KYTC employees chosen to participate in the Community Transportation Innovation (CTI) Academy. Deputy Secretary Murgatroyd and Jose Sepulveda presented Nancy and Sharon certificates of completion.

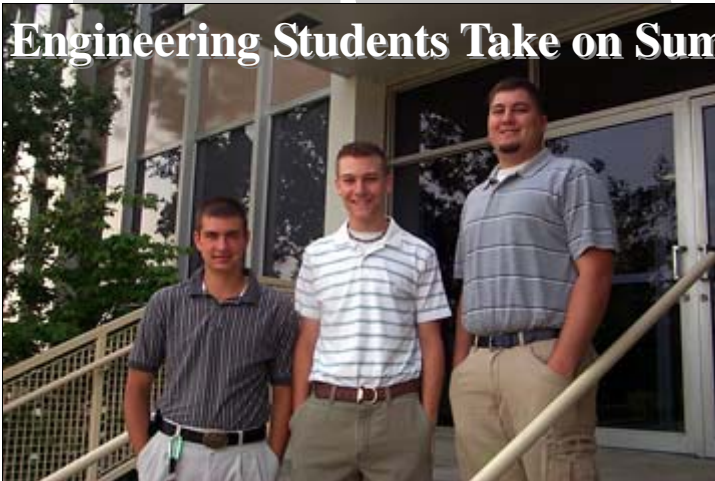


KYTC APPRECIATES YOUR SERVICE!



Tim McCarthy received his 25 Year Career Service Certificate. He is a Signal Tech III for Traffic, Crew 810.

Engineering Students Take on Summer Jobs at KYTC



Starting the first of June, District 6 welcomed 3 scholarship students to begin their summer jobs. The scholarship program helps pay expenses of tuition, books and such for recipients. For every year that the engineering student uses the scholarship money, the Transportation Cabinet asks for a year of service. During their summer months students can work and gain experience in the field and then after graduation they will be placed in an engineering position with the Cabinet. This is a great way for students to receive tuition money for their education and for the Transportation Cabinet to recruit needed civil engineers. Pictured left to right are Chris Reis, Mike Lorenz and Brandon Seiter. Chris is a sophomore at UK. He is from California, Kentucky and he is also the nephew of Bill Reis, District 6 acting Branch Manager of Operations. Chris will be working with the Falmouth Resident Engineers Crew this summer. Mike Lorenz is from Taylor Mill, Kentucky and he is a junior at UK. Mike will be working with the Florence Resident Engineers Crew. Brandon Seiter is a senior at UK and he is from California, Kentucky. He will be working with the Covington Resident Engineers Crew.



News From District Eight

NEW FEDERAL PRISON IN MCCREARY COUNTY BRINGS WITH IT ECONOMIC BENEFITS



Dedication of the new federal prison, United States Penitentiary (USP) - McCreary is the 105th Federal prison to open in the U.S. and the fifth to open in Kentucky since 1940. Keynote speaker Congressman Hal Rogers addressed the economic benefits that USP-McCreary can bring to the region. District 8 welcomes this facility. Mr. Eddie Cordell, Supt. of McCreary Co. and Stephanie Yahnig, PIO, D.8, were pleased to be part of this dedication.

Drive Smart is Out and About in District 8



The rollover simulator has been used extensively lately in District 8, first in Clinton County, both the middle school and the high school, Pulaski County High School during April and May. Schools are starting their summer breaks and local officials and school staff have been very eager to get our message out. We have presentations that are age appropriate for K-12, and have utilized them all in District 8 lately.

On April 5th, D.8 Drive Smart team, Marie Lee and Stephanie Yahnig presented a booth at Lindsey Wilson College, in Adair County, for their annual health fair. There was plenty of information and demonstrations for the students, including the rollover simulator, impairment goggles, and handouts and brochures.





News From District Nine

Stephen Rogers spends his day as a timekeeper for the District Nine Carter County Maintenance Facility but after work he goes home to his large family which includes four foster children. Stephen and his wife Lynette were honored recently by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for extraordinary foster care. After fostering these 4 children, they have decided to adopt them. The following is an excerpt from the article "A Foster Fairy Tale" that was published in the Ashland Daily Independent on May 10th.

Lynette Rogers along with her husband Stephen, serve as foster parents to Kayla, 7, and her three siblings, Charlie, 5, Nathan, 4, and Ashley, 2.

Soon, the Rogers will be able to drop the "foster" from the title, as they prepare to legally adopt the four youngsters.

Last week, they were among 27 honorees selected by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for their work as foster parents. The couple, parents to two teenagers of their own, were selected by a case worker in the FIVCO area based on guidelines such as initiative, advocacy, self-sufficiency, interest, flexibility and creativity in their foster care-giving.

A spokeswoman for the Cabinet called the couple's contribution to the state's foster care system "extraordinary."

"They're at a point in their lives when a lot of couples are enjoying the empty nest," says Lisa Wallace, spokeswoman for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services in Frankfort. "They've raised their children... Instead of doing what many would, which is enjoy the post-parenting time, they decided to take children into their home."

Lynette Rogers says she and Stephen didn't plan on becoming foster parents but somewhere along the way it just kind of happened.

Stephen Rogers, an employee of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, says the couple considered the idea, partly because of his sister, who also serves as a foster parent. He says he and Lynette volunteered to baby-sit one weekend when his sister and brother-in-law were go-

ing out of town.

"That got us hooked," Stephen Rogers says.

They've since cared for 12 foster children. Some of the children still refer to them as "Mom" and "Dad," pay them visits from time to time and

bring them gifts, Lynette says displaying a gold "Mom" charm give to her recently by one of her foster children.

"We try to treat every child who comes into this house like they're our children," she says.

But the Rogers are a rarity—even for foster parents. It's often more difficult to place large groups of siblings or children with special medical or physical conditions, and foster parents who agree require special training, according to Wallace, of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Most children wind up in the foster system after their biological parents can no longer care for them. Wallace says that can be any number of reasons such as abuse and neglect.

Department statistics show as many as 6,000 children in Kentucky in one year will need foster care. Wallace says in the FIVCO area, which includes Carter, Boyd, Greenup, Elliott and Lawrence counties, there are 276 children in home care and 83 resource homes.

Statistics also show that 80 percent of public adoptions in Kentucky last year were foster parent adoptions, but Wallace says it's extremely rare to adopt four siblings at once.

"They're just extraordinary people all the way around," says Wallace of Stephen and Lynette Rogers. "Anyone, when they decide to become a foster parent understands that fostering is temporary, and adoption is permanent. The Rogerses adopted all four. They started a brand new family when most couples their age are through with their parenting years."



Lynette and Stephen Rogers with their four foster children, Kayla, 7, sitting, and front left, Nathan, 4, Ashley, 2, and Charlie, 5.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED MARCH OF DIMES 2004

Letter of Appreciation by Margaret Tranbarger, District 9

SWOOSH... was the sound heard at the Department of Highways March of Dimes Basketball Tournament held at the Simons Middle School on Saturday, March 27, 2004. Six teams, comprised of District 9 crewmembers and office personnel, competed for the championship. As March of Dimes Captain, I welcomed those in attendance then turned the program over to members of the Fleming County High School Choir. The choir members did an outstanding job singing the "National Anthem" a cappella. Bro. Charles Walton, Pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Flemingsburg, offered the opening prayer and the song "American Soldier" was played as a tribute to our troops.

The games began and each team member gave 110%, but the final game was between the Department's Nicholas County Crew and the Carter County Crew. As the buzzer sounded the end of the game, the score was tied 32 to 32. Three minutes were added to the clock and the battle began again. The final outcome — the champions Carter County 39, Nicholas County 37. It was really a win-win day for both teams and especially for March of Dimes. I want to thank all that worked so hard in so many ways for such a successful day. Concessions were served and several door prizes were awarded throughout the day. An award ceremony was held at the district office to present appreciation certificates to each team along with plaques to the champions and runners-up. The Nicholas County Maintenance Crew received a special appreciation award for collecting approximately \$220 in donations. Penny Hogg, Nicholas County Maintenance Crew, Wanda Jackson of our Bath County Maintenance Crew and Debbie Jolly of the Flemingsburg Traffic Crew were very instrumental in collecting donations. Those in attendance enjoyed punch, cake, and nuts. An added feature to this "Team Appreciation" day were video viewings of the tournament games. Judy and Roger Hurst did an excellent job of recording each game. To all of the participants, especially Barry, I dedicate the song "We All Fall Down--It's the Gettin' Back Up That Really Counts!"

The tournament was just the beginning of our District 9 fundraising projects:

- The district's fish fry held on April 1 was a sizzlin' success! And that's no joke. After expenses, approximately \$300 was raised.
- On April 3, we held an 86-mile bike run. Although the weather was breezy and cool, it was just sunny enough for approximately 50 bikers to *rrrummmble* out of the Flemingsburg Industrial Park and begin their ride for March of Dimes. They were rewarded for their efforts with door prizes and a meal of brown beans, cornbread, chili, soft drinks, and homemade deserts. The overall winner received a free night of lodging and two meals donated by the Blue Licks State Park. Funds raised-\$500.
- Ticket sales for a Case Knife donated by Steve's Ace Hardware.
- Ticket sales for a Corner Longaberger Basket donated by Danny and Sally Mineer, Flemingsburg.
- Bake Sales.
- The aroma of coffee brewing and sausage frying filled the early morning air when breakfast was served April 8. For a minimum price of \$2.50 a meal, employees feasted on sausage, fried bologna, scrambled eggs, biscuits, hashbrown casserole, gravy, jelly, coffee, milk, and juice.
- Who Let the Dogs Out!!! We did--with a hot dog luncheon on April 14! Another *howling* success for March of Dimes.

From hoops to hotdogs District 9 raised \$2,111.16 for March of Dimes 2004. A scrapbook depicting each event was compiled and can be seen at the district office. A special **Thank You** to all employees, supervisors, managers, and Chief District Engineer Jim Rummage for participating, encouraging, and supporting our March of Dimes 2004 campaign. To Nettie Hallman, Joyce Black, Lori Perkins, and Glenn Bishop **Thank You** for your past achievements and continued efforts relating to March of Dimes. To Jeanie Strode, Judy Hurst, Carol Harmon, Debbie Jolly, Jennifer Flora, Debbie Bailey, Nettie Hallman, Joyce Black, Sandy Caudill, and Richard Tranbarger, thank you so much for faithfully baking cookies, cakes, serving food, etc. and for all of the extras it took to successfully accomplish and surpass our goal. Another **Thank You** is to all of you and/or your better half that sent food and candy for the events so those listed above would have something to either cook or sell!

When you think back on these events and recall something that was said or done that made your day better, my hope is that a smile will cross your face. I also hope that you will remember — in an average week in Kentucky 136 babies are born too small, too soon. If they could cry for our help, they would. March of Dimes is their cry — thank you for answering their cry.

Sincerely,

Margaret Tranbarger

Margaret Tranbarger, Captain
March of Dimes 2004 Campaign

Scenes From District Nine's March of Dimes Campaign...



March of Dimes Basketball Tournament



Yummm...Biscuits,
gravy, fried bologna,
scrambled eggs and
hashbrown casserole!



After a long ride, these Poker
Run bikers, get fueled up on
brown beans and corn bread!



The final score...Carter County Maintenance Crew – 39
Nicholas County Maintenance Crew – 37



**BASKETBALL
PLAYERS
RECEIVE
AWARDS!**



**FRYIN' UP
SOME FISH!**



News From District Eleven

KYTC IS MAKING INTERSECTIONS IN CORBIN AND LONDON SAFER FOR MOTORISTS



Photo taken at night of the new reflective traffic signals installed in Corbin at the intersection of US 25E/US 25.

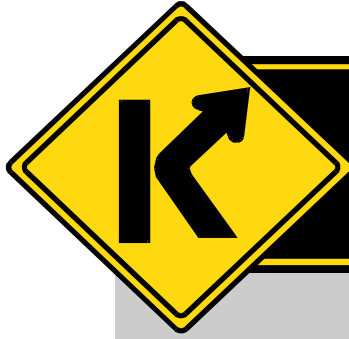
Motorists are seeing a new type of traffic signal at the intersections of US 25E/US 25 in Corbin and US 25/KY 192 in London. A two-inch wide yellow reflective border has been placed around the outside edge of existing traffic signals. The yellow reflective border makes the traffic signals more eye-catching and improves intersection safety. This was researched and evaluated in Canada with a 32 % reduction in total accidents and a 21% reduction in severe accidents (injury & fatal) especially rear-end type crashes at intersections. The reflective border enhances the contrast between the traffic signal and its surroundings both day and night as well as during

power failures. During power failures, the reflective border still enhances the signal's appearance and drivers will be more likely to recognize the intersection and treat it as a four way stop. The reflective traffic signal is especially helpful to elderly drivers.

Our Branch Manager for Traffic, Mike Calebs read about this type signal being used in Canada and said, "This new type of reflective traffic signal was the first to be installed in Kentucky. Transportation Cabinet engineers will be evaluating these two locations over the next several years and future installations will be based on the effectiveness of the reduction in the accident rate".

"The Transportation Cabinet is using this proactive, low cost approach to improve safety for motorists," he added.

District 11 is not only proud to be the first to display the new signal backplates, but also proud of Mike for requesting that these lights be installed at two high volume accident sites.



News From District Twelve

GOVERNOR FLETCHER VISITS PINE MOUNTAIN

Governor Ernie Fletcher, center, discussed the importance of the Pine Mountain spot improvements road project to the citizens of Letcher and Harlan counties with State Rep. Howard Cornett, left, and Dan L. Hall, Highway District 12's Chief Engineer. Fletcher visited the construction site on Friday, May 14, at 8:30 in the morning. In addition to finishing the Design-Build improvements, work on the mountain includes fixing two areas of pavement breaks, one of which has reduced traffic to one lane with portable traffic signals. Hall said that if the weather cooperates, "the work should be finished during the 2004 construction season." Impressed with the beautiful scenic views from the mountain, Governor Fletcher indicated his commitment to using transportation pro-



Photo by Sara George

jects for tourism enhancement as well as roadway safety improvements. Friday's tour was part of Fletcher's two-day visit to Eastern Kentucky. On Thursday evening he presented a check for \$250,000 to the Pikeville Main Street/Renaissance Program for the final phase of the city's utility relocation project. More than \$900,000 of this \$8 million project has come from Transportation, mostly TEA-21 funds.